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Student frustration in overdrive due to parking tickets? pg.3



SGA elections, fair vote or popularity contest? pg. 2



SGA voting = popularity contest?



Courtesy: TSU Media Realations

Eligible candidates have to be nominated during the April 6 Nomination Convention before they can officially begin their campaign. Voting will take place four days later.

more time to campaign. fake a smile and say a

BY ADRIANNE WILSON Staff Reporter

If students visit the Student Election Commission website it says, "Your choice. Your voice. Your vote. It matters." However, some students do not feel like

their votes matters. The SEC serves as the administrative function of the Student Government Association by facilitating election process general elections, freshman elections and special elections. For a week students are given a chance to campaign on campus with hopes of winning one of these positions. For some, one week isn't long enough and leads to students voting for who they know versus, who they could have time to learn about if candidates were given "Of course a week isn't long enough, any halfway competent person can

See the next page for an SEC Week rundown!

fake a smile and say a lot of good things that they would like to do, things they would like to change but the real measure of a candidate is what have they done prior to even applying for the position to better both the university and the university's image in the community. SEC week is mostly about who gives you the most stuff or who is the better looking candidate. There are those who vote, taking everything into account, but there are very few that do," said Stanley Burnett, a senior psychology major from Winchester, Tenn. He ran for Mr. Tennessee State University last spring losing to Michael Johnson.

Not everyone believes that one week isn't enough. For some, campaigning begins well before students event put their name on the ballot.

"Campaigning starts when you move in your first day at your freshman dorm room. Your interactions with people are judged from day one and whether it be consciously or subconsciously, students rank or assume who can take on various roles in leadership. The relationships you build and the image you paint plays a vital role in students supporting your future endeavors," says SGA President DeVonte Johnson.

Some students feel that a week is not long enough because anyone can appear genuine for one week

It is important for students to carry themselves as if they are already campaigning well before SEC week.

During the campaign a candidate that receives the equivalent of three strikes or six warnings will be disqualified. Certain actions such as slander can lead to immediate disqualification. Students also feel that it is the complete package from a student that causes people to vote for them. "I do believe that many times things like this can be a popularity contest but luckily for TSU, many of the 'popular' students are smart, involved on campus and are overall good representations of TSU," said Morgen Brooks, a senior psychology major

from Chicago, Ill
SEC week is April
6th-11th.

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Police put parking tickets in high gear from the campus Media students, especially the campus the amount of students.



Increased parking lot patrols is part of President Glenda Glover's overall beefed up campus security plan.

Staff Reporter

Some students might have been able to get away with parking illegally a time or two before, but not anymore. Now, bright orange tickets can be seen covering the windshields of multiple cars in the lot. parking That's because the campus police department, as promised last semester, has stepped up its patrols and enforcement of driving and parking regulations.

Students say thev are getting ticket-afterticket for issues such as the absence of decal, expired temporary passes and parking in reserved parking spots. Students say reserved signs are not as visible as they should be and there are a lot of Courtesy: Google misunderstandings with decals.

Yvonne Sanders parking patrollers hired February 3 have a lot to do with the frequent issuing of tickets.

A new system called T2 Parking solutions has been installed. The program is commonly used by other institutions to monitor and register cars by scanning the license plate. The department says that this upgraded system has made parking lot monitoring more efficient.

Officials from the Media Relations office say it is very important that students understand the consequences of violating parking rules. Knowing the cost of tickets may help decrease the risks drivers take. Handicap tickets cost \$200. No permit or an expired permit comes with a \$25 fine and there is a \$50 dollar penalty for parking in the fire lane.

They should have more parking available for the

Relations office says new the amount of students parking patrollers hired that attend this school. The lack of available parking forces students into illegal parking. I feel like money is being spent on everything else but new parking structures, " says Dejanae Holly, a senior cardio respiratory major.

Other complaints by students include getting a ticket after their recent purchase of a car. Some students say they were not aware they could get a temporary parking pass if they weren't eligible for a decal. Temporary parking passes for two week protection from parking tickets are being issued. After two weeks, students can request to extend the parking pass or get the official decal.

Sanders added, students want to appeal a ticket they must go online to their parking account and submit the appeal.



New and improved TSU...for free?

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FROM HOME DEPOT

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COURTESY: GOOGLE

BY SHANYN BEACH Staff Reporter

isten Tennessee State University students. Want to help improve the appearance of your school? Help TSU compete with other Historically Black Colleges and Universities from across the country in the Home Depot "Retool Your School" Improvement Campus Grant program.

The fifth annual contest kicked off February 17. Each entry is to include a brief description of their projects for consideration to be in the contest. There will be a total of more than \$250,000 in grants awarded to winners.

The school that receives the most votes and social media activity will win one of the 14 grants. TSU's associate

Vice president of Facilities Management, Ron Brooks has submitted three proposals for TSU. One is a Heritage Walk Mall similar to the Gateway to Heritage Plaza, a memorialization of TSU's history. The second project idea is for the installation of an interactive information kiosk that displays TSU history, directions and general-event information.

The final proposed project for the Campus Pride Grant, is to erect TSU banners along Jefferson St. and John Merritt Boulevard.

"It's really important for everyone to get involved and help TSU secure their funds," said Brooks.

To cast your vote, visit www.RetoolYourSchool. com. You can only vote once a day. Other ways to help get votes is to use hashtag #tsuTHDRYS on Twitter and Instagram. Voting ends April 14.

GA Breakdown

BY MICHAEL CURTIS Staff Reporter

t's that time of year again. A changing of the guard will soon take place, as campus gears up to vote for new members of the Student Government Association.

The House of Delegates (HOD), Student Commission Election (SEC) and Student Union Board of Governors (SUBG) will be adding new members to the organization known as SGA. The three branches of SGA have different functions but they all work collectively with administration in planning and regulating student affairs.

"SEC is responsible for getting students elected

into the House. The House connects the student body and student leaders in order to have a better campus. The House also facilitates the needs of the student body. Without SUBG there wouldn't be any engaging activities on campus that would keep students entertained throughout the year. especially homecoming events," said Aziah Chavers, a member of SEC.

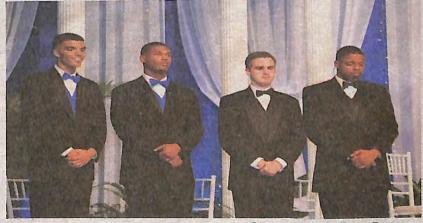
According it its constitution, the roles of the SGA is to represent the welfare and interest of the student body and the university, to facilitate communication and dialogue among students, faculty and administration, to promote academic excellence and good moral and ethical practices and to provide the of each fall semester.

opportunity for the development of superior character and leadership ability among its members.

The HOD stands as the branch that establishes by-laws, rules and may review and make changes in the Student Handbook.

The HOD also approves the annual operating budget of the SGA, the arm that funds SGA-sponsored programs and events. Positions in the HOD include President, Vice President, Mr. TSU, Miss TSU, class officers, class kings and queens and Representative at Larges.

The SEC conducts student elections during the first full week of April and also Freshman-Special Elections at the beginning



COURTESY: TSU MEDIA RELATIONS

Mister Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior attend the Mr. and Miss TSU Coronation ceremony.

The SUBG's purpose is to initiate programs, coordinated by the Student Activities staff, which supports the cultural, educational. recreational and social interests of the

university family. These include concerts, movies, dances, etc.

On April 11, the 74th administration of the SGA will be elected into their respective positions.

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OF

SEC WEEK

APRIL 6TH - 11TH



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2014-2015 House of Delegates Applicants

BY MICHAEL CURTIS Staff Reporter

he Student Election Commission (SEC) of the Student Government Association has released a list of candidates eligible to run for a position during SEC Week (April 6 - April 12). Although the candidates are eligible to run, they will not officially be on the ballot until they are nominated at the Nomination's Convention on Sunday April 6th in the Floyd Payne Campus Center Forum.

Mr. Tennessee State Darren Bragg John Hill

Mrs. Tennessee State Samantha Thomas Amethyst Stephens

SGA President Markeil Lewis

SGA Vice-President Alonzo Furtick Andre Reaves Lauren Thomas

Mr. Senior Allen McReynolds DeJuan Sharp Joshua Brooks

Miss Senior Jasmine Staten India Little Shanyn Stokes Shawnata Chandler

Mr. Junior Kenneth Toney

Deion Pitts

Miss Junior Marisa Clark Autumn Doles Porchia Carter

Mr. Sophomore Jason Russell

Miss Sophomore Starr-Ambrosia Muslim

Representative-At-Large Takara Braddock KaBrea Jones Kalana Summer Croom Alexis M. Harrison-Waltley Spencer Hall Taylor Powell DeAngelo Sawyers Michael Jourian Austin India Ward Bambata Hogue Chaddrick White Ahmir Christopher Cummings

Senior Class President Jerrell Jones

Senior Class Representative Ebony Searcy

Senior Class Secretary Tyler Timmons

Junior Class President Amber Franklin Chasity Gowdy Junior Class Representative Adrian Warren

Sophomore Class President Paige Alexandria Ferguson Sierra Williamson



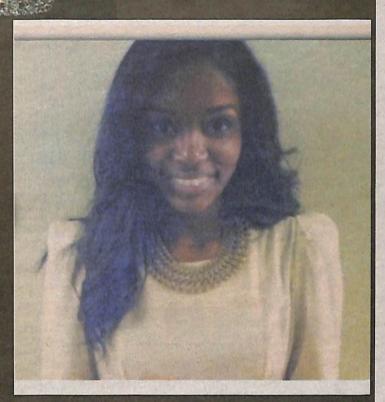
Applicants for Miss Tennessee State University

BY KENDALL BUTLER Staff Reporter



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SAMANTHA THOMAS
HOMETOWN
NASHVILLE, TENN

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION,
SOPHISTICATED LADIES OF THE
ARISTOCRAT OF BANDS, UNIVERSITY
AMBASSADORS, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUB INC./WOMEN
OF EMPOWERMENT, UNIVERSITY HONORS
PROGRAM AND DELTA SIGMA THETA
SORORITY INC.



NAME
AMETHYST STEPHENS
HOMETOWN
KANKAKEE, ILL

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

CAMPUS TOUR GUIDE, I AM PROJECT,
CHICAGO CLUB, THE NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMENS CLUB,
INC./WOMENS OF EMPOWERMENT, ALPHA
KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INC., STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOSCIATION, SERVING AS
THE CURRENT MISS JUNIOR 2013-2014

Applicants for Mr. Tennessee State University

BY KENDALL BUTLER

Staff Reporter



EMMEN JOHN HILL

HOMETOWN CHICAGO, ILL

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

DREAM PROJECT, STUDENT ELECTION

COMMISSION(FORMER CHAIRPERSON),

STUDENT TENNESSEE EDUCATION

ASSOCIATION AND THE CHICAGO CLUB



NAME DARREN BRAGG

HOMETOWN CHATTANOOGA, TENN

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BUSINESS, FRATERNITY INC., PHI MU ALPHA
SINFONIA OF AMERICA INC., HIP'NOTYZE
DANCE TROUPE, 73RD ADMINISTRATION OF
SGA, RESIDENT ASSISTANT, FORMER MEMBER
OF ARISTOCRAT OF BANDS.

Applicants for SGA President

NAME MARKEIL LEWIS

HOMETOWN STONE MOUNTAIN, GA

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

COLLEGIATE 100 (PRESIDENT), NATIONAL SOCIETY

OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS, MINORITY ACCESS TO

RESEARCH AND CAREERS PROGRAM, MR. FRESHMAN

(2011-2012), REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE (2012-2013),

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND CHIEF OF STAFF

THROUGHOUT MY MATRICULATION

Applicants for SGA Vice President

NAME ALONZO FURTICK

HOMETOWN CHARLOTTE, NC

CAMPUS
INVOLVEMENT
HONORS PROGRAM,
PRE- ALUMNI
COUNCIL, RESIDENT
ASSISTANT, SGA,
D.R.E.A.M.

NAME ANDRE REAVES

HOMETOWN ATLANTA, GA

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT
PROJECT MINORITES IN
AGRICULTURE, NATURAL
RESOURCES AND RELATED
SCIENCES, SOPHOMORE
AMBASSADORS, PRE- ALUMNI
COUNCIL, GENERATION OF
EDUCATED MEN, JUNIOR
CLASS VICE PRESIDENT,
D.R.E.A.M. PROJECT, WTST
THE BLAZE

NAME LAUREN THOMAS

HOMETOWN MEMPHIS, TENN

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT
HONORS PROGRAM, ACADEMIC
CHAIR ON THE HONORS COUNCIL,
PRE- ALUMNI COUNCIL, PSI
CHI HONORS PSYCHOLOGY
FRATERNITY, GAMMA SIGMA SIGMA
NATIONAL SERVICE SORORITY INC.,
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INC,
QUEEN- SOCIAL WORK CLUB, TSU
TENNIS TEAM, FIRST LADIES CLUB
INC.

Women's History Month: Little publicity, under the radar



ow, I absolutely LOVE the fact that African-Americans have an entire month dedicated to the black struggle. Our people fought hard for the shortest month of the year, but I never knew there was a Women's History Month?

Women are trailblazers, fighters, activists, and go-getters. There is no reason why this month is not publicized as much as Black History Month. If it weren't for a woman,

none of us would even be become a journalist in alive right now.

The media will probably say they don't discuss Women's History Month because nobody cares.

I'm pretty sure the women of America would care if they knew there was a month dedicated to their struggle.

Instead, the media thinks Miley Cyrus twerking with 2 Chainz is more important.

As a woman, I believe it's a must that we empower each other so we can make it together. I'm not looking for the story that's going to get the most attention. I want the story that will enlighten my audience and help them gain understanding of their surroundings. That's why I choose to

the first place.

At least TSU recognized Women's History Month with events like the Wisdom Speaks forum hosted by the Women's Center. Why can't we have events like this more often?

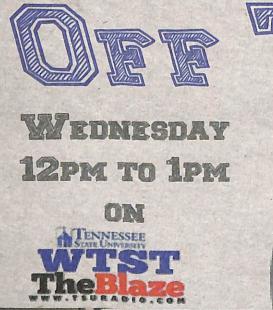
We should host positive events that female encourage empowerment.

I guess we're too busy going to Limelight for Happy Hour, until next time Big Blue family!



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Angela Davis (above) was a civil rights activist and one of the first female members of the Black Panther Party.







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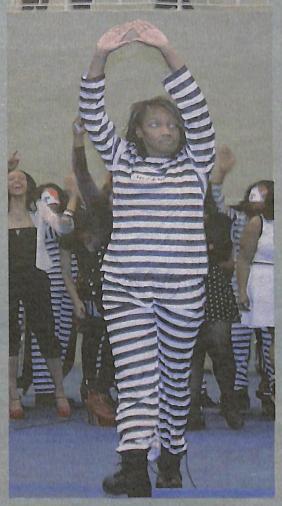
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Delta Sigma Theta

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Zeta Phi Beta









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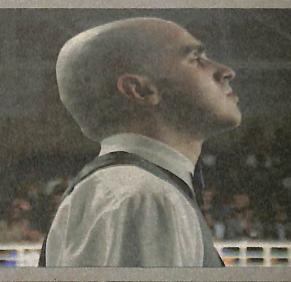
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Black Women with Power

BY VALENCIA BINS

Staff Reporter



Shirley Chisholm
The first African American woman to run for
President. She was nominated for the presidency of the
United States on July 13th, 1972.



Wilma Rudolph

An alumnus of Tennessee State University, Wilma Rudolph was an American athlete and an Olympic champion. Rudolph was considered the fastest woman in the world in the 1960s and competed in two Olympic games, in 1956 and in 1960. In the 1960 summer Olympics in Rome Rudolph became the first American woman to win three gold medals in track and field during a single Olympic game.



Condoleezza Rice
The first female African-American Secretary
of State, as well as the second African American
Secretary of State (after Colin Powell).



Oprah Winfrey

Graduate of Tennessee State University, Oprah Winfrey has turned her name into a brand. The Oprah Winfrey Show was the highest rated program in history and was nationally syndicated from 1986 to 2011. Her brand includes but is not limited to Oprah Magazine, Harpo Production, The OWN Channel and the list goes on.



Madame C.J. Walker

Classifies as the first African American woman millionaire in America. Walker was the first to turn the hair industry into a major business. With her wealth, Walker opened beautician schools to teach others about her product and how to properly treat African American hair



Angela Davis

An American political activist, scholar, and author. She emerged as a nationally prominent counterculture activist and radical in the 1960s, as a leader of the Communist Party USA, and had close relations with the Black Panther Party through her involvement in the Civil Rights Movement despite never being an official member of the party.

SGA rushes to finish strong



Photo Credit: Delvakio Brown

SGA meetings take place every Tuesday at 8:30pm in the Research Building.

BY DELVAKO BROWN Staff Reporter

Elections around the corner and students are preparing to cast their votes for the 74t administration that will take office in August. Meanwhile, members current administration are rushing towards the finish line to finish out their goals and plans for this year. Andrew Crawford,

says Freshman not an easy task. The students that make up the Student Government Association have to juggle their grades and school work with various attending meetings and activities throughout the school year. He is one of four new members from the freshman class elected this past fall into the House of Delegates.

SGA experience was unexpected but in a great way. I met so many people I can and initiative put in 73rd administration call my family," said place by the SGA. The is that we went hard Crawford.

at-Large Thomas, currently TSU, on \$200 the other hand is no students who did not new kid on the block. have money to eat. She has three years At the beginning of of SGA experience the school year, they under her belt. She also gave \$17,000 to says it wasn't easy, but students who had been she's believed about the school year. she's believes she has purged and were in done everything she danger of not being could to live up to her able to attend TSU due

has seen a lot of really discussing safe sex and good, strong events. I the dangers of drinking think I have fulfilled while underage. what I set out to While my what I set out to While members accomplish from last of SGA say they've SEC Week. I was really done a lot for the happy when I was able student body, some to accomplish the book students like junior program which will mass communications last at Tennessee State major, Tajia Davidson, University for years to say that's not exactly come. (The program) the case. will help students pay "I do not feel that a lower cost for books SGA is for the students.

is not the only program bring awareness with

awford. student governing at the beginning for Representative-body launched the students. Through all Samantha Declining who is Scholarship program each running in which they gave will eligible campaign promise. to high balances. They "I think that SGA also hosted seminars

which is vital for They are only for show their education," said and to build their Thomas. The book program Mr. and Miss. TSU

the different seminars stated Thomas. they have. Everybody else does not make administration will be

could have done more unopposed. from his campaign begins at midnight on

"I feel there are some things I could've done better but no one is perfect by far, but I hope to make the freshman class experience better with the couple of weeks we have left," said Crawford.

understood that each administration has its pros and cons also but is extremely happy for the good.

"One thing that I really liked about the Balance of the pros and cons, administration be different.

Next themselves known but under the leadership only during voting of SGA Presidential time," said Davidson. candidate Markeil Crawford admits he Lewis who is running Thursday April 10.

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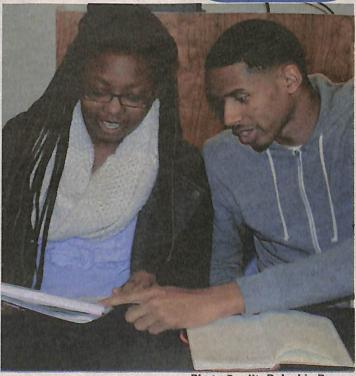


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Vice President Erica Smith (Left) and SGA President DeVonte Johnson (Right)

So you managed to lose a plane?....



here are many mysteries that surround the world like the Bermuda Triangle, the dress that First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, wife of President John F. Kennedy, wore the day he was shot. The blood splattered dress was packed up and never seen again. But one of the biggest mysteries today is what happened to Malaysia Flight 370.

I first heard about the flight's disappearance when

I got home for spring break. plane of that size just can't go thought it had just flown into group of divers in 1985. a spot not covered by radar. hasn't been found.

everyone. What I can't the passengers and crew. seem to understand is Technology, tracking systems emerging. First, they believed the technology to locate it. A and purposely crashed the

My CNN app flashed the missing and not seen again. news across my phone. I read The ship Titanic was found it and thought it was just so decades after it sank in 1912 strange, but then I quickly in the Atlantic Ocean by a

Eleven years later, TWA I thought to myself, they'll Flight 800 blew up over find it soon. Now almost two the Atlantic Ocean. Eye weeks later, the plane still witnesses saw the whole thing. Soon after, search and For two weeks, the recovery crews moved swiftly mystery behind the strange and began recovering pieces disappearance has baffled of the plane and bodies of

Days following why this plane hasn't been disappearance of Flight found yet. After all, it's 2014. 370, many theories began and intelligence gathering is terrorist were behind it. Then the most sophisticated it's they speculated that the pilot ever been. Surely we have wanted to commit suicide



Courtesy: Google

plane somewhere. recently, they thought maybe tracked. China has some of a battery of some sort caught the best computer hackers, fire and exploded causing and America has all this something catastrophic to advanced weaponry, but no happen to the flight.

Just that our phones can be one can seem to find a plane. I just find it very odd Hopefully this doesn't turn

Mass Comm sweeps Associated Press awards



Courtesy: Google

The Associated Press is one the most trusted news source in America. Stations all over the country use the company for stories.

BY ADRIANNE WILSON Staff Reporter

he Associated Press one of the largest and most trusted sources of independent news gathering, supplying a steady stream of news to its members, international subscribers and commercial customers.

The not-for-profit news cooperative's commitment to independent, comprehensive journalism has deep roots. Founded in 1846, AP has covered all the major news events of the past 165 years, highOquality, providing reporting informed everything from wars and

elections to championship Best Use of Sound and Best games and royal weddings.

which headquartered I'm New York, operates in more than second place for Best Radio 280 locations worldwide. Reporter and third place for Tennessee State University Best Use of Sound. students won nine awards at the Tennessee Associated the AP has conducted a Press awards, up from six last competition for

The presentation in journalism was held Saturday, March 22, at the on campus. First Amendment Center in Nashville.

Best Feature Story. Brandi Meter, the school newspaper. Giles won first place for Best News Story, second place for

Newscast, and third place for is Best Radio Reporter.

Miya Jefferson

This is the third year students in the state of 2014 awards Tennessee. The awards are best from their efforts on WTST The Blaze, the radio station

TSU students are taught to work across platforms and Chantell Copeland won become multimedia journalist. first place for Best Radio The students also work Reporter and Best Radio with TSU TV 98, the school Newscast, and third place for television station, and The Check out the next edition of **The Meter**Find out who **WE THINK**should win **Student Elections**

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